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SUBJECT: CYPRUS - GRIVAS STATEMENT AND REACTIONS

REF: NICOSIA 1963 AND ANKARA 7431

1. GRIVAS' RECENT EFFORT AT REVISIONIST HISTORY REGARDING CYPRUS DEVELOPMENTS IN 1966-67 ERA PARTICULARLY GOOD EXAMPLE OF GENERAL'S CAPACITY FOR DISTORTING FACTS TO FIT HIS PREJUDICES.

2. CAGLAYANGIL'S FLAT DENIAL THAT 1966-67 GRECO-TURK DIALOGUE WAS EVEN REMOTELY ON BASIS OF ENOSIS IS ACCURATE. ACCORDING TO OUR RECORDS, MINIMUM TURKISH POSITION IN CONFIDENTIAL

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1966-67 PERIOD WAS DOUBLE-ENOSIS OR PARTITION, I.E.,

TURKEY WOULD NEVER AGREE TO UNION OF GREEK SECTORS OF CYPRUS WITH GREECE UNLESS TURKISH SECTORS (ROUGHLY ONE-QUARTER OF ISLAND) WERE UNITED WITH TURKEY.

3. IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN ENOSIST ACT OF FAITH THAT GOT WOULD ACCEPT ENOSIS IN RETURN FOR MILITARY PRESENCE IN BRITISH REPEAT BRITISH SOVEREIGN BASE AREAS. THIS VIEW, IN FACT, APPEARS TO HAVE MOTIVATED PAPADOPOULOS IN HIS PUSH FOR SEPTEMBER 1967 SUMMIT MEETING WITH TURKS. SO-CALLED EVROS SUMMIT MEETING WAS HELD AND ENDED IN TOTAL DISASTER WHEN GREEK PROPOSAL FOR UNION OF CYPRUS WITH GREECE IN RETURN

FOR TURKISH BASE WAS FLATLY REJECTED BY TURKS.

4. BY RAISING THESE OLD ISSUES GRIVAS MAY HAVE SOME SUCCESS IN STIRRING UP ENOSIST SYMPATHY AGAINST MAKARIOS. HOWEVER, WE SUSPECT THAT FEW GREEK CYPRIOTS NOW BELIEVE THAT TURKEY WOULD EVER HAVE ACCEPTED DHEKALIA IN EXCHANGE FOR ENOSIS AND THAT A SIGNIFICANT PROPORTION WOULD OPPOSE DEAL ON THIS BASIS AS SIGNIFYING THE EFFECTIVE PARTITION OF THE ISLAND.

5. MOST UNFORTUNATE ASPECT OF GRIVAS STATEMENT IS THAT SPATE OF CHARGES AND COUNTER-CHARGES AROUND ENOSIS THEME WILL RENDER ATMOSPHERE OF LOCAL TALKS MORE NEGATIVE THAN IS ALREADY THE CASE. ANY CONTRIBUTION EMBASSIES CAN MAKE QUIETLY TO TERMINATION THIS PARTICULAR DEBATE WOULD BE USEFUL. RUSH

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